

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A machined retainer, of a rolling bearing, made of a material wherein crystals of intermetallic compound are dispersed in a base material comprising a Cu alloy, wherein the Cu alloy contains Pb in an amount in the range of from greater than 0 wt% to 0.4 wt% or lower,

wherein the surface hardness is Hv 110 or higher but does not exceed 171, whereby the retainer is impact resistant, and

wherein the retainer further comprises a pocket.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The retainer as set forth in claim 1, wherein the content percent of the intermetallic compound is 5 to 30% in an area ratio.

6-8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The retainer as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one element forming the intermetallic compound is selected from the group consisting of Mn, Fe, Si, Co, Ti, Nb, V, Zr, Al and Ni.

10. (Original) The retainer as set forth in claim 1, wherein the intermetallic compound comprises at least one of Mn_5Si_3 , $\text{Cu}_8\text{Zn}_2\text{Si}$ and Cu_4ZnSi .

11. (Original) The retainer as set forth in claim 1, wherein said retainer is made by a centrifugal casting method.

12. (Currently Amended) The retainer as set forth in claim [[18]] 1, wherein said retainer is formed with the Cu alloy containing ~~amount of Pb is reduced to an amount~~ in the range of from greater than 0 wt% to 0.1 wt% or lower.

13-16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The retainer as set forth in claim 1, wherein the Cu alloy is selected from at least one of brass, bronze, phosphorus bronze and aluminum bronze.

18-19. (Canceled)